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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**JUNE 29, 2025**

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When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**2 Samuel 7:24-26, 28-29**

**Leader:** You established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O Lord, became their God.

**People:** **And now, O Lord God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken.**

**Leader:** And your name will be magnified forever saying, "The Lord of hosts is God over Israel."

**People:** **And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant.**

**Together:** **Now therefore, may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.  
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2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.  
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4. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.  
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<sup>1</sup> Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

<sup>2</sup> Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

<sup>3</sup> For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

<sup>5</sup> I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.

<sup>6</sup> I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. *Selah*

<sup>7</sup> Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails!

Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

<sup>9</sup> Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge.

<sup>10</sup> Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

<sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

<sup>12</sup> And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,

and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, I confess that you are Lord over all creation and yet I live in fear of what tomorrow may hold. I hear and know that you are the Alpha and the Omega, and I yet I am anxious all of my days. I know that you care for the birds and the flowers, and have exceedingly set your love upon me, and yet I wonder if you will care for me, for my family, for my health and happiness. I believe that you are the Lamb who was slain, the Lamb who has conquered death and sin, and yet I often live as if I am still in bondage to both sin and death. May your Spirit work in me, for your glory, that I might live as one who has been loved, adopted, redeemed, and set free by the King of all creation. Renew my mind that I might submit each day to your Lordship over all things.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

1. Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame,  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him, who showed great love  
And bled for us;  
Freely You bled for us.

### Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling over death by death;  
Come awake, come awake,  
Come and rise up from the grave!  
Christ is risen from the dead,  
We are one with Him again;  
Come awake, come awake,  
Come and rise up from the grave!

## Christ is Risen

2. Beneath the weight of all our sin,  
You bowed to none but heaven's will;  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,  
No burden great can hold You down.  
In strength You reign,  
Forever let Your church proclaim:  
Chorus

### Bridge

O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light.  
The glory of God has defeated the night.  
O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light.  
Our God is not dead;  
He's alive! He's alive!  
Chorus 2X

# PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## CONGREGATIONAL READING

**Romans 16:25-27**

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

## SERMON

**“Striving Together in Prayer”  
- Rev. Don Ward**

**Romans 15:30-33**

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<sup>30</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, <sup>31</sup>that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, <sup>32</sup>so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. <sup>33</sup>May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

### **SERMON NOTES**

I. Urgent Prayer (Romans 15:30)

II. Intense Prayer (Romans 15:30)

III. Specific Prayer (Romans 15:31)

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

## He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

### Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
Chorus

3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!  
Chorus 2X

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## SONG OF RESPONSE

## Let Your Kingdom Come

1. Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.  
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.  
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.  
The cross has saved us, so we pray, "Your kingdom come."

### Chorus

Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done! So that everyone might know Your Name.  
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth, 'til Your sovereign work on earth is done.

Let Your kingdom come!

2. Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.  
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.  
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.  
By grace, we'll preach Your gospel till our dying breath.  
Chorus (x2)

Let Your kingdom come! (x3)

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## BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who  
love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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